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In re Application of:)
John S. FORMON et al.)
Serial No.: 10/092,350)
Filed: March 7, 2002)
For: APPARATUS AND METHODS USABLE IN)
CONNECTION WITH DISPENSING FLEXIBLE)
SHEET MATERIAL FROM A ROLL)

Group Art Unit: 3653
Examiner: TBA
Attorney Docket No. 000242.00105

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The Honorable Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the attention of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed in the attached Form PTO/SB/08A. Copies of the listed references are enclosed.

Applicants submit these references so that the Patent and Trademark Office may determine any materiality thereof to the claimed invention. It is respectfully requested that the listed references be formally considered during the prosecution of this application, be made of record herein, and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue herefrom.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3), applicants note that non-English language reference DE 334 29 21 is of record in cited commonly owned U.S. Patents Nos. 6,412,679 and 6,419,136. Non-English language references FR 2583729 A1 and FR 2771620 A1 were recently cited in a European search report issued in an application corresponding to below-referenced application Serial No. 09/435,718.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and without waiver of confidentiality, applicants hereby advise the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) of the following co-pending commonly owned divisionals of the present application:

Serial No. 10/211,280 entitled "Apparatus and Methods Usable In Connection With Dispensing Flexible Sheet Material From A Roll," filed August 5, 2002 (Attorney Docket No. 000242.00135).

Serial No. 10/211,334 entitled "Apparatus and Methods Usable In Connection With Dispensing Flexible Sheet Material From A Roll," filed August 5, 2002 (Attorney Docket No. 000242.00136);

Serial No. 10/211,333 entitled "Apparatus and Methods Usable In Connection With Dispensing Flexible Sheet Material From A Roll," filed August 5, 2002 (Attorney Docket No. 000242.00137); and

Serial No. 10/211,301 entitled "Apparatus and Methods Usable In Connection With Dispensing Flexible Sheet Material From A Roll," filed August 5, 2002 (Attorney Docket No. 000242.00138).

The above divisional applications are substantively identical to each other and the present parent application, except for the claims. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a), a copy of the claims of each of the above applications is enclosed.

Without waiver of confidentiality, the attention of the USPTO is also directed to the following co-pending commonly assigned applications, which are directed to related subject matter:

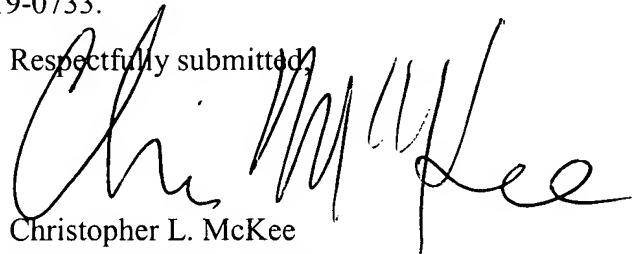
Serial No. 09/435,718 entitled "Web Transfer Mechanism For Flexible Sheet Dispenser," filed November 8, 1999 (Attorney Docket No.: 000242.81029).

Serial No. 09/604,811 entitled "Paper Towel Dispenser With Powered Transfer Mechanism," filed June 28, 2000 (Attorney Docket No.: 000242.81271) (allowed July 25, 2002).

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a), a copy of the specification, including the claims, and drawings for each of the above two applications is included herewith. Also, a set of the claims as allowed in listed application Serial No. 09/604,811 is enclosed.

No fee is believed to be necessary, as this IDS is being filed prior to the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits. However, in the event a fee is required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee to our deposit account number 19-0733.

Respectfully submitted,

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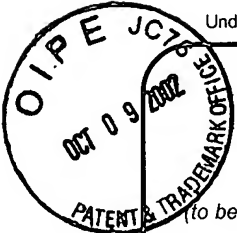
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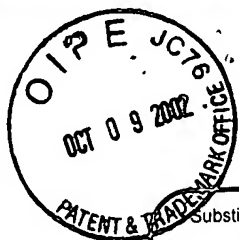
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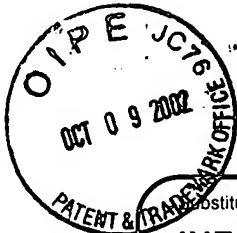
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